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For: BLOOD FLOW CONTROL IN A BLOOD
TREATMENT DEVICE

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a petition for a request to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120 for the benefit of prior-filed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/451,238, filed November 29, 1999.

The petition is accompanied by an Amendment, submitted herewith, to amend the specification to include the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and paragraph (a)(2) of 37 C.F.R. 1.78.

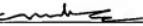
Applicants acknowledge that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (53951-121) for the required surcharge set forth in Sec. 1.17(t). If any extension of time

is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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